CLAIMS

We claim:

1   1.   A method of sharing an object in a portal framework, the method comprising

2   the steps of:

3   storing a reference to the object in a first repository; and

4   performing a first operation to store a duplicate of the reference to the object

5   in a second repository;

6   wherein the first operation is in accordance with a first privilege granted as

7   defined by a permission.

1   2.   The method according to claim 1, wherein the reference to the object is for

2   an object of a first site.

1   3.   The method according to claim 2, further comprising the step of performing

2   a second operation to add the object to a second site.

1   4.   The method according to claim 3, further comprising the step of performing

2   a third operation to remove the duplicate of the reference of the object from the

3   second repository.

1   5.   The method according to claim 4, wherein the third operation further

2   comprises the step of removing the object from the second site.

1   6.   The method according to claim 2, further comprising the step of providing

2   access to the duplicate of the reference of the object in the second repository.

1   7.   The method according to claim 6, wherein the step of providing access is in

2   accordance with a second privilege granted as defined by a permission for the

3   second repository.

1   8.   The method according to claim 7, further comprising the step of performing

2   a second operation to store a second duplicate of the reference to the object in a

3   third repository

1   9.   The method according to claim 8, further comprising the step of performing

2   a third operation to add the object to a second site.

1   10.   The method according to claim 9, further comprising the step of performing

2   a fourth operation to remove the duplicate of the reference of the object from the

3   second repository.

1   11.   The method according to claim 10, wherein the fourth operation further

2   comprises the step of removing the object from the second site.

1   12.   The method according to claim 2, wherein the first operation further

2   comprises the step of storing references to each child object of the object in the

3   second repository.

1   13.   The method according to claim 2, wherein the first operation further

2   comprises the step of excluding references to at least one child object of the object in

3   the second repository.

1   14.   A computer program product for sharing an object in a portal framework, the

2   computer program product comprising:

3   a computer readable medium; and

4   computer program instructions, recorded on the computer readable medium,

5   executable by a processor, for performing the steps of:

6   storing a reference to the object in a first repository; and

7   performing a first operation to store a duplicate of the reference to the

8   object in a second repository;

9   wherein the first operation is in accordance with a first privilege granted as

10   defined by a permission.

1   15.   The computer program product according to claim 14, wherein the reference

2   to the object is for an object of a first site.

1   16.   The computer program product according to claim 15, further comprising

2   computer program instructions for performing the step of performing a second

3   operation to add the object to a second site.

1   17.   The computer program product according to claim 16, further comprising

2   computer program instructions for performing the step of performing a third

3   operation to remove the duplicate of the reference of the object from the second

4   repository.

1   18.   The computer program product according to claim 17, wherein the third

2   operation further comprises the step of removing the object from the second site.

1   19.   The computer program product according to claim 15, further comprising

2   computer program instructions for performing the step of providing access to the

3   duplicate of the reference of the object in the second repository.

1   20.   The computer program product according to claim 19, wherein the step of

2   providing access is in accordance with a second privilege granted as defined by a

3   permission for the second repository.

1   21.   The computer program product according to claim 20, further comprising

2   computer program instructions for performing the step of performing a second

3   operation to store a second duplicate of the reference to the object in a third

4   repository

1   22. The computer program product according to claim 21, further comprising

2   computer program instructions for performing the step of performing a third

3   operation to add the object to a second site.

1   23.   The computer program product according to claim 22, further comprising

2   computer program instructions for performing the step of performing a fourth

3   operation to remove the duplicate of reference of the object from the second

4   repository.

1   24.   The computer program product according to claim 23, wherein the fourth

2   operation further comprising the step of removing the object from the second site.

1   25. The computer program product according to claim 15, wherein the first

2   operation further comprises the step of storing references to each child object of the

3   object in the second repository.

1   26.   The computer program product according to claim 15, wherein the first

2   operation further comprises the step of excluding references to at least one child

3   object of the object in the second repository.

1   27.   A system for sharing an object in a portal framework, the system comprising:

2   a first repository operable to store a reference to the object; and

3   a second repository operable to store a duplicate of the reference to the object

4   in response to a first operation

5   wherein the first operation is in accordance with a first privilege granted as

6   defined by a permission.

1   28.   The system according to claim 27, further comprising a first site operable to

2   provide an object having to the reference to the object.

1   29.   The system according to claim 28, further comprising a second site operable

2   to provide the object in response to a second operation.

1   30.   The system according to claim 29, wherein the duplicate of the reference of

2   the object is removed from the second repository in response to a third operation.

1   31.   The system according to claim 30, wherein the object is removed from the

2   second site in response to the third operation.

1   32.   The system according to claim 27, wherein access to the duplicate of the

2   reference of the object in the second repository is provided.

1   33.   The system according to claim 32, wherein access is provided in accordance

2   with a second privilege granted as defined by a permission for the second

3   repository.

1   34.   The system according to claim 33, further comprising a third repository

2   operable to store a second duplicate of the reference to the object in response to a

3   second operation.

1   35.   The system according to claim 34, further comprising a second site operable

2   to provide the object in response to the third operation.

1   36.   The system according to claim 35, wherein the second reference of the object

2   is removed from the second repository in response to a fourth operation.

1   37.   The system according to claim 36, wherein the object is removed from the

2   second site in response to the fourth operation.

1   38.   The system according to claim 28, wherein the second repository is operable

2   to store references to each child object of the object in response to the first

3   operation.

1   39.   The system according to claim 28, wherein the second repository is operable

2   to exclude storage of at least one child object of the object in the second repository

3   in response to the first operation.